

haughty sneer, pointed sarcasm, or fierce invective launched at one who entered the lists and challenged to battle with such weapons.

He was always willing to give advice and assistance to the young and inexperienced members of the profession, and his large library was ever open to their use.

Mr. Stevens was engaged actively in politics with the anti-Masonic party in 1833-34, which he joined in their opposition to secret societies.

By that single effort he established the principle, never since seriously questioned in Pennsylvania, that it is the duty of the State to provide the facilities for education to all the children of the Commonwealth.

In 1837-38 Mr. Stevens was a member of the Convention called to amend the Constitution of Pennsylvania, an assemblage which numbered as members many of the strongest men of the State.

In 1842 Mr. Stevens, finding himself deeply in debt by reason of losses in the iron business, and liabilities incurred in numerous undertakings made in connection with it.

To those here who judged of the personal appearance of the deceased only as they looked on him bearing the burden of one's infirmities with disease, though he still stood with eyes unclouded and will undimmed, I may say that in his prime he was a man physically well proportioned, muscular and strong.

In private life, among his friends, Mr. Stevens was ever good, kind, and considerate. To them he was linked with looks of steel. For them he would labor and sacrifice without stint, complaint, or regret.

Mr. Stevens was an honest and a truthful man in public and private life. His word was sacred in letter and spirit, and was never paltered in a double sense.

Popular with men of all parties, with his own superior talents, and his high moral worth, he then and among themselves. This was a name of endearment, while even his foes spoke of him with pride as the "Great Comedian."

Always a resident in a border county, he defended the fugitive on all occasions, asserted the right of free speech, and stood between the abolitionist and the mob.

rules as to race, I have chosen it that I might be enabled to illustrate in my death the principles which I have advocated through a long life—equality of man before his Creator.

Whether in the Legislature of Pennsylvania or the Congress of the United States, no project for the development of latent resources or improvement of transportation that came within his conception of constitutional limits ever failed for the want of his support.

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